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The equipment of the cracking plant consisted primarily of pipes, filters, and pumps. There were few buildings - the mechanical repair shop, pump station, steam power station, and office. The buildings were of brick. A brick wall, about three meters high and topped by broken glass and steel, surrounded the plant.

- 2. Because the Kherson Cracking Plant was of a standard type, the cost of construction of the other refineries mentioned above was the same. The cost would have varied no more than 10%, and any difference would have been occasioned by addustment to local conditions, such as varying transportation costs.
- 3. The total cost of the Kherson Cracking Plant was approximately 23 million rubles. This figure covered all items, including equipment and pipelines. The construction work (straitelnii raboti) cost about five million rubles, which was included in the total cost. "Straitelnii raboti" included earth excavations, the railway spur line, and construction of the pump station, earth and concrete foundations for the "neftekhranilishe" (oil tanks), mechanical repair shop, steam power station, office, and quarters for the VOKhR. The men who acted as guards and firemen at the plant were referred to as members of the VOKAR (pennizirovaniya Okhrana-militarized guard). In addition, two or three apartment buildings for the plant's workers and other employees were under construction about two kilometers south of the refinery. Each apartment building had three floors and was to cost about 550 thousand rubles each. This sum was also included in the total cost of the plant.

In regard to preparation of the site, the technological processes of a refinery do not require any particular levelling of a site. cost of such items as ditches and foundations was included in the cost of "straitelnii raboti."

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